

In the 111th Congress, Representative Blumenauer has introduced several pieces of legislation that address some of the most pressing issues facing the United States:

[H.R. 2319](#) , “Veterans Home Loan Improvement Act.” This bill implements an Oregon Veterans Task Force recommendation to remove the federal time limit on for the Qualified Veterans Mortgage Bond program so that veterans of recent military actions would qualify.

[H.R. 2580](#) , “Empowering Medicare Patient Choices Act.” This bill provides coverage under Medicare for shared-decision aids (DVDs, interactive websites, etc) and a follow-up consultation with a doctor.

[H.R. 2773](#) , “Medical Transition Care Act.” This bill provides coverage under Medicare for transitional services.

[H.R. 2911](#) , “Advance Planning and Compassionate Care Act.” This is a comprehensive bill to help consumers with end of life care planning.

[H.R. 2912](#) , “Medicare Efficiency Incentive Act.” This bill provides a 5% efficiency bonus in Medicare to the lowest cost counties.

[H.R. 2921](#) , Providing for an annual review by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission on geographic access to services. This bill amends MedPAC’s statutory mandate to include geographic evaluations of access, quality, and volume of services provided under Medicare.

[H.R. 2971](#) , Designates the post office at 630 NE Killingsworth Ave as the “Dr. Martin Luther king, Jr. Post Office.”

[H.R. 3050](#) , “American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act.” This bill provides an incentive for property owners to place conservation easements on their property by increasing the exemption from estate taxes.

[H.R. 3168](#) , “OUTDOOR Act.” This bill eliminates the disproportionately high tariffs assessed on recreational performance outerwear and will establish new tariff classifications for these products. It also creates a new fund to invest in sustainable product development and textile logistics.

[H.R. 3202](#) , [The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act](#) - This bill would provide a deficit-neutral source of revenue dedicated to replacing, repairing, and rehabilitating drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities as well as protecting users from rate spikes that will result if nothing is done to address the water infrastructure crisis.

[H.R. 3271](#) , “Green Routes to Work.” This bill provides tax credits to employers and employees to promote alternative commuting methods and commuter equity, including bicycling, telecommuting, and van pooling.

[H.R. 3311](#) , Pilot Program for Road User Fees. This bill creates pilot programs in each state to test vehicle miles traveled fees.

[H.R. 3383](#) , “Idling Reduction Tax Credit Act.” This bill provides a tax credit to off-set the cost of installing an idling reduction device, to help truckers reduce their gas use and air pollution.

[H.R. 3461](#) , “Orphan Highway Restoration Act.” This bill creates a new program to provide Federal funds to assist states and local governments in their efforts to rehabilitate or repair the Main Street sections of the orphan highways running through their towns.

[H.R. 80](#) , “Captive Primate Safety Act.” This bill prohibits the trade and transport of primates across state lines. It was passed by the House of Representatives in February of 2009.

[H.R. 564](#) , “ [Superfund Reinvestment Act](#) .” This bill would reinstate the fees that finance the clean-up of the nation’s most hazardous waste sites.

[H.R. 863](#) , Bicycle Commuter Act technical changes. This bill would make changes to the bike transportation commuter benefit established in the 110th Congress to make it more user friendly. It would allow employees to combine bike and transit commuter benefits.

[H.R. 1329](#) , “CLEAN TEA.” This bill would provide that 10% of any revenue from climate change legislation would be used for low-carbon transportation planning and projects. This bill was partially included in H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which passed the House of Representatives in June of 2009.

[H.R. 1897](#) , “Healthy Workforce Act.” This bill provides employers up to a 50% tax credit for qualified comprehensive workplace wellness programs for employees.

[H.R. 1898](#) , “Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act.” This bill provides coverage under Medicare for consultations about end of life care and creates grants to establishing Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) programs. The bill was included in H.R. 3200, the House of Representatives’ comprehensive health care reform legislation.

[H.R. 2030](#) , “Water for the World Act.” This bill establishes a national goal of providing an additional 100 million people around the world with first-time access to clean water and sanitation by 2015. It also creates an Office of Water in the US Agency for International Development and a Water Coordinator at the Department of State.

[H.R. 2163](#) , “Fast Starts Act.” This bill provides grant funding to jumpstart streetcar projects around the country.

[H.R. 2164](#) , “Federal Streetcar Revitalization Act.” This bill addresses shortcomings in the existing “small starts” program to ensure that those projects are built in a timely fashion.

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[H.R. 5976](#) - The United States Commission on Rebuilding America for the 21st Century Act - This bill would empower a bipartisan commission to create a plan to guide America’s response to our current infrastructure and resource challenges for the next fifty years. It has 24 bi-partisan co-sponsors.

[H.R. 2265](#) - The Responsibility to Iraqi Refugees Act of 2007- Facilitates entry of Iraqi refugees into the U.S. who are at risk because they have helped U.S. soldiers. Provisions from this bill were incorporated into the Defense Authorization Act of 2007 and signed into law by the President.

[H.R. 1497](#) - The Legal Timber Protection Act - Bans trade in illegally harvested timber and wood products and provides the tools to keep illegally harvested timber out of the United States. It was signed into law as part of the Farm Bill in June of 2008.

[H.R. 2715](#) - To Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include heavier vehicles in the limitation on the depreciation of certain luxury automobiles - This bill would close the "Hummer Tax Loophole" to eliminate tax incentives for business purchases of luxury SUVs weighing over 6,000 lbs. This provision passed the House as part of H.R. 2776 in August of 2007, but it hasn't yet passed the Senate.

[H.R. 3636](#) - The Superfund Reinvestment Act of 2007 - Reauthorizes taxes that fund clean up of superfund sites, the country's most hazardous waste areas. This bill has 16 co-sponsors.

[H.R. 2364](#) - The Local Food and Farm Support Act of 2007 - Provides funding for specialty crops and nutrition programs that are important to Oregon. Many provisions of this bill were included in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, which became law in May of 2008.

[H.R. 1136](#) - The Ethics Reform Act of 2007 - Establishes an Independent Ethics Commission consisting of eleven former Members of Congress. It was introduced with Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.).

[H.R. 663](#) - The New Direction for Iraq Act - Redeploys U.S. troops in Iraq within 30 days, directs President to undertake diplomatic actions in Iraq. This bill has 11 co-sponsors.

[H.R. 6495](#) – The Transportation and Housing Choices for Gas Price Relief Act – Provides consumers with, and educates them about, choices in how they get around and where they live that will reduce their dependence on gasoline. This bill has 16 bi-partisan co-sponsors.

[H.R. 1498](#) – The Bike Commuter Act - Amends the IRS Code to include bicycles in the

definition of transportation covered by fringe benefits; allows employers to provide \$20/month in benefits to employees who commute by bicycle. This provides bike commuters with the same benefits that people who commute by car and public transportation already get. This bill was included in the energy tax package that was attached to H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. It was signed into law in October of 2008.

[H.R. 1772](#) – The Rural Wind Energy Development Act – Provides a 30% tax credit for the installation of small wind turbines. This bill was included in the energy tax package that was attached to H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. It was signed into law in October of 2008.

[H.R. 3637](#) – The Higher Education Sustainability Act. - Amends Title VII of the Higher Education Act to authorize a \$50 million competitive grant program to universities and institutions of higher education to develop, implement and evaluate sustainability curriculums, practices and academic programs. This was signed into law as part of the College Cost Reduction Access Act in September of 2007.

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